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Application of: Bastian et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 9), mailed March 15, 2002, in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), a Petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith along with a check in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

A supplemental information disclosure statement is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs located at p. 34, line 27-p. 35, line 30 of the specification in the description of Example 17 and after the underlined title "Use of total RNA in an RT-PCR for amplification and detection of β-Actin mRNA" to identify trademarks (i.e., RNEASY RNA isolation kits and SARTOLON polyamide membrane) and corresponding generic terms not identified elsewhere in the specification. The amended paragraphs of Example 17 are provided in clean form below and in a form with markings for each amendment in Appendix A. Portions of the original text that were presented in bold font are also maintained in bold font in this amendment.